ATTACHMENT 1

**Reporting Requirements for Major Undesirable Events**

**I. Major Undesirable Events - Immediate Notification/Follow up Report**

All Field Offices (FO) must submit an Initial Notification Report for all Major Undesirable Events (MUE) that occur on federally managed lands to the appropriate Washington Office (WO) and State Office (SO) personnel as soon as practical, but no later than 24 hours after either the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) discovers the MUE or the operator or public notifies the BLM about the MUE.

The NTL-3A, 44 Fed. Reg. 2205 (Jan. 10, 1979)[[1]](#footnote-1), defines MUE as:

1. Oil, saltwater, or toxic liquid spills, or any combination thereof, which results in the discharge (spilling) of 100 or more barrels of liquid; however, discharges of such magnitude, if entirely contained within the facility firewall, may be reported only in writing;
2. Equipment failures or other accidents that result in the venting of 500 thousand cubic feet (Mcf), or more, of gas;
3. Any fire that consumes 100 barrels or more of liquid and/or 500 mcf or more of gas;
4. Any spill, venting, or fire, regardless of the volume involved, which occurs in a sensitive area, such as parks, recreation sites, wildlife refuges, lakes, reservoirs, streams, or urban or suburban areas;
5. Each accident that involves a fatal injury; and
6. Every blowout (loss of control of any well) that occurs.

**II. Follow-up Reports**

The FO’s must include the information on items listed in Attachment 2 when submitting the follow-up reports within 15 days after initial notification. If the MUE involves a fatal injury, blowout, or fire, then the WO may distribute the follow-up report to other relevant offices in the Initial 24 hour contact list (Attachment 3).

1. Link to NTL-3A - https://cdn.loc.gov/service/ll/fedreg/fr044/fr044007/fr044007.pdf [↑](#footnote-ref-1)